

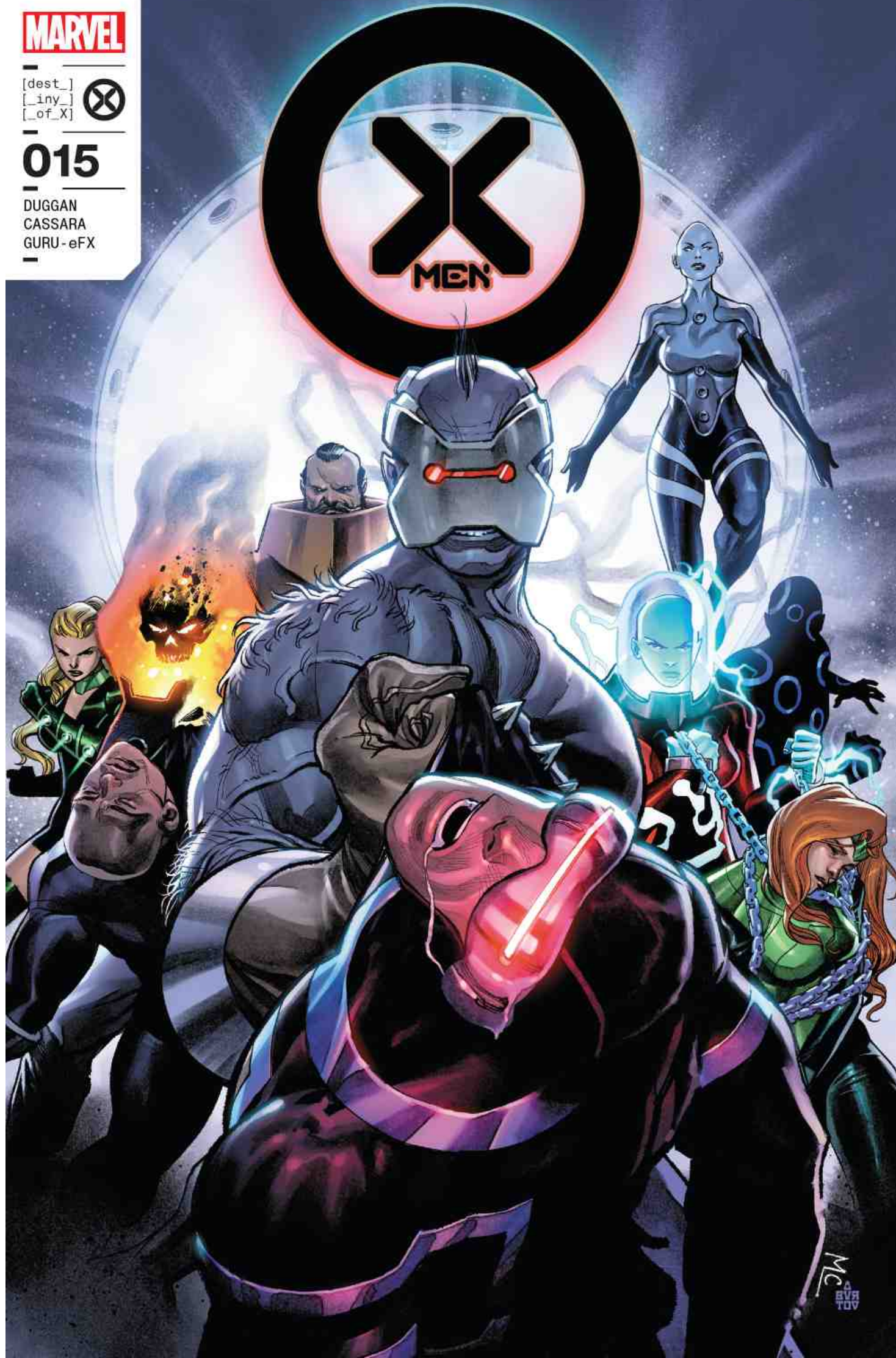
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Governments ask you to build terrible things. It's up to the scientists to weigh what's worse...having that new toy...or *not* having it.

-- FORGE



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The jungles of South America.

You wanted to know what I was doing for the council so much...

...that you put me on the X-Men.

Well, see for yourself, Cyclops.

Is that--?!

My god.









IC X-MEN

TAKE THE FUTURE INTO YOUR OWN HANDS

The newly elected X-Men have fought off threats to Krakoa that have come in the forms of humans, anti-mutant organizations and even Celestials, but now, as Forge's mysterious Project Blackbox comes to fruition, it's time for the X-Men to face the next big threat: The future.

Born and raised in field of temporal acceleration, the Children of the Vault are highly evolved post-humans who believe that they are the true inheritors of the Earth over both human and mutant kind. The X-Men barely managed to stop the Children when they first emerged. The Children have experienced many thousands of years of evolution and advancement since then.



[JEAN GREY]



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[CYCLOPS]



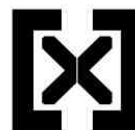
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But conquerors
are never happy.
Fascism can never
be appeased.



It keeps
marching until
it faces an
overpowering
force...



...but the
Children found
none in this
universe.

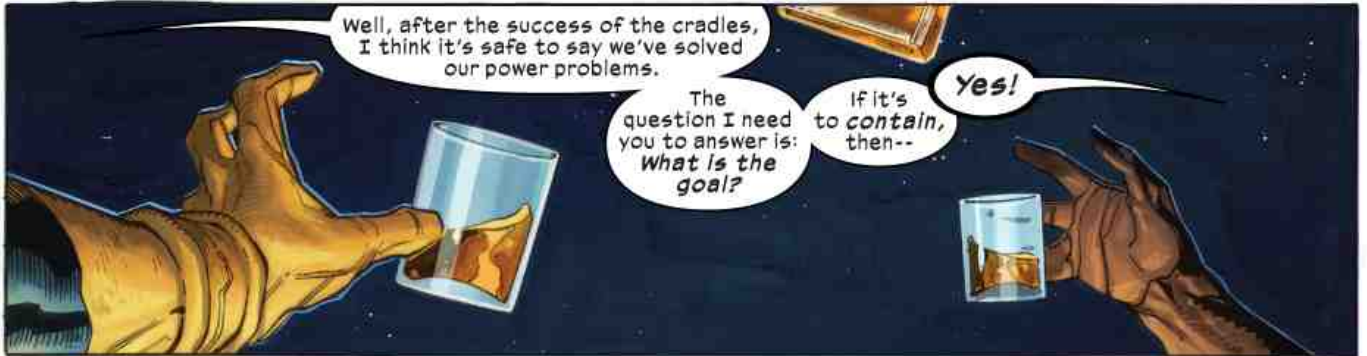
The fourth generation of
the Vault proved beyond any
measure that there is nothing
you cannot overcome with
enough patience and time.

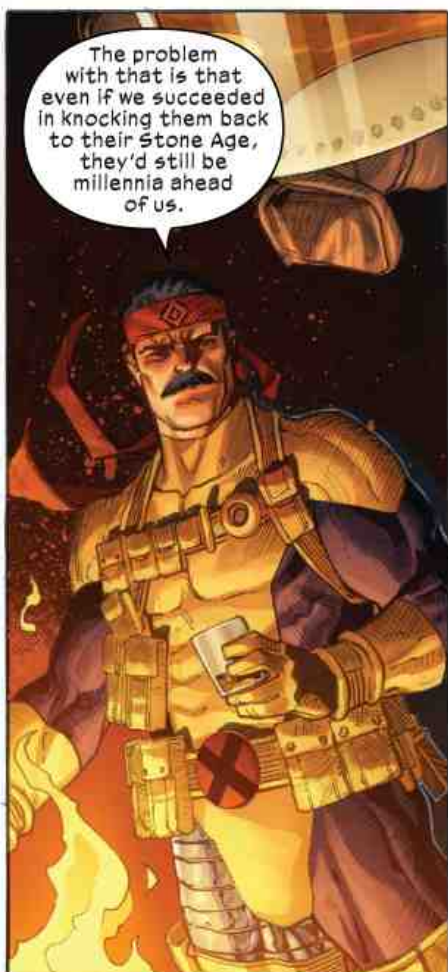
This is what I
like to call "the
contentment of
the Children."

Do you
understand what
I'm telling you,
Cyclops?

All of that
happened.

I think I better tell
you the origin of
Project Blackbox.





The Present.

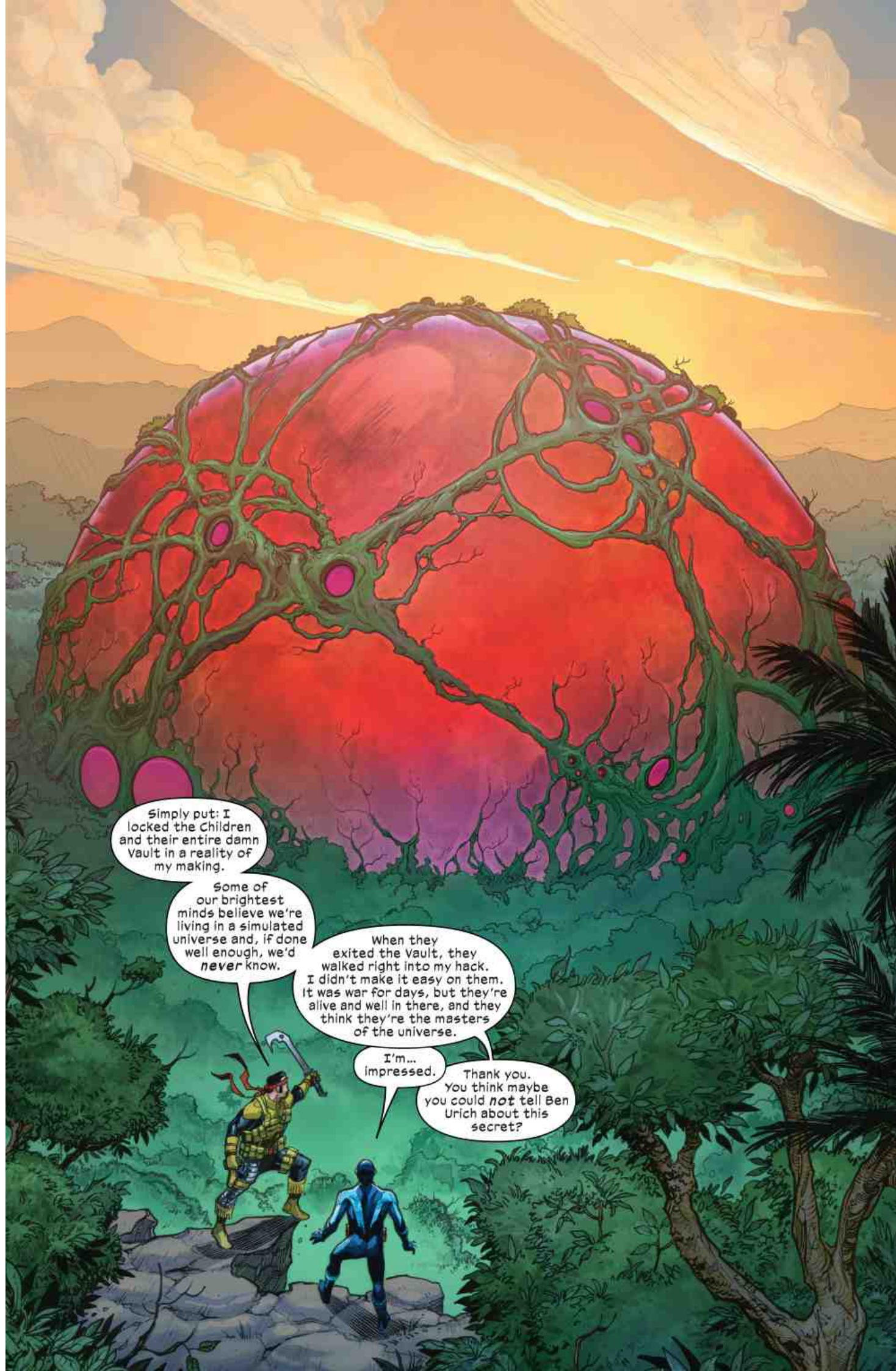
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Simply put: I locked the Children and their entire damn vault in a reality of my making.

Some of our brightest minds believe we're living in a simulated universe and, if done well enough, we'd **never** know.

When they exited the Vault, they walked right into my hack. I didn't make it easy on them. It was war for days, but they're alive and well in there, and they think they're the masters of the universe.

I'm... impressed.

Thank you. You think maybe you could **not** tell Ben Urich about this secret?



Time works differently in the vault...







Nah, this suit has some more tricks up its sleeves.

With a little luck, I'll be back with Darwin.



Iceman!

I'd love to study one of their sentries, but I've never been able to catch one.



I can do you a solid.

Is that a science joke?



If you want it to be.

He'll still be on ice when you're back in a couple of centuries.



You always were a bright kid, Bobby.



Forge...
that suit.
It's quite the
abomination.

I can sense it's
co-opting Mystique's
mutant gifts. If it were to
fall into the Children's
hands, we--



It won't. If I bite down on
my back tooth, it will open
a black hole that will delete
everything within
six meters.



I needed
my disguise to
be as realistic
as possible.

I've had months with the
Vault as my sole project,
except for when we
needed Captain
Krakoa.



The good news
is since I made
this with gate
technology...



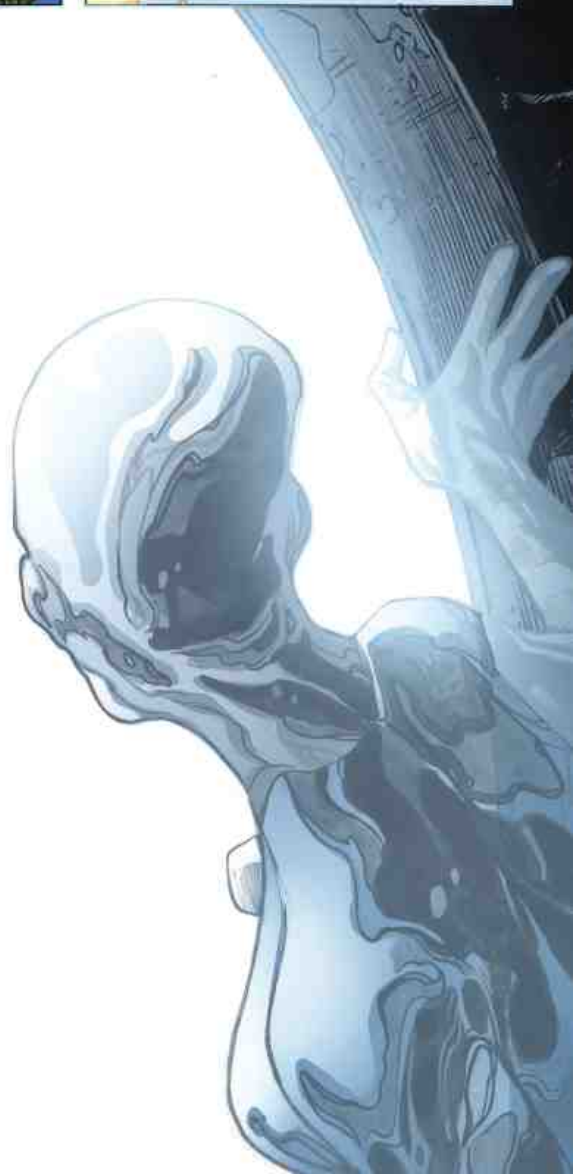
...only a
mutant can walk
into or out of
my Vault.





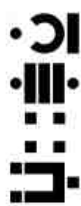
What I can promise you right now is that this is gonna be a milk run.

Nobody even knows we're here.

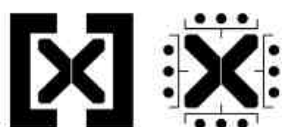


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